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FATAL PERIL.

Archbishop Ireland Scores the Proposed Reform Recalling Judges.

Declares All Men Are Equal in Birth But Not in Gifts.

Asserts That They Are Blind Who See Not Dangers of Socialism.

HONOR TO AMERICAN PEOPLE

Declaring his confidence in the permanency of American democracy and its certainty to overcome the perils which beset it, Archbishop Ireland spoke Saturday at the Grant celebration at Galena, Ill., denouncing the recall of judges and judicial decisions and upholding a representative system of government. The Archbishop spoke of various proposed reforms, which he said the most fatal was the recall, "especially the recall of the judiciary. If ever expert knowledge and deep, prolonged reflection were in requisition, it surely is when the eternal principles of right and justice as between man and man, between man and men and the social organism, or the exact and precise meaning of constitutions and laws are under discussion. Are such matters as are often no obdurate in complexity to be judged at the bar of a mere popular majority, so many of whom have never given to them slightest study, or are savored incapable of grasping their deep and intricate intent, so many of whom will be ready to put in place their personal interest and caprice, so many of whom very likely have their own good reasons to dread justice and law?"

R. I. P.

Reverend Father Bax Goes to His Heavenly Reward.

"Father Bax is dead!" These four words were heard everywhere throughout Louisville last Saturday with expressions of deepest sorrow and regret. This was the sad news contained in a cablegram received at an early hour by Lawrence J. Veene-man from his sister, Miss Dymphna Veene-man, who left Louisville with Father Bax, who was her uncle, four years ago, and who has been his housekeeper and constant attendant. The Rev. Lawrence Bax was in his eighty-fifth year and was the oldest and perhaps best known priest in the Louisville diocese. For fifty-three years he was pastor of St. John's church at Clay and Walnut, and there was celebrated his golden jubilee, one of the most memorable religious observances in the history of the city. Father Bax was a zealous priest and tireless worker until his retirement, when he returned to his old home at Tiburg, Holland, accompanied by his niece, Miss Veene-man, and there he since lived with his nephew, Rev. Peter Notten, and his sister, Mrs. Veene-man, a grand-nephew, who came to Louisville to his venerable uncle's celebration and was remembered by many of our citizens. The story of Father Bax's long life and noble work is too well known to need repetition. Father Schumann and nearly all the clergy alluded to his death last Sunday, and at St. John's on Thursday there was a solemn requiem for the repose of his soul. Father Bax survived by the following relatives residing in this country: Lawrence J. Veene-man, Secretary of the Kentucky Vitified Brick Company, and Lawrence Bax, nephews; Mrs. Elijah B. Mann, wife of the Secretary of the Kentucky & Lanning Coal Company, and Mrs. Ben H. Hund, nieces; Mrs. Eliza Bax, a sister-in-law and widow of William Bax, and her two children, William and Miss Mary Bax. For this good old priest all will pray: "Eternal rest grant to him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him."

TRINITY COUNCIL.

Initiation, Reception and Feasting Marked This Week.

After having an elaborate initiation Sunday afternoon, when thirty-two new members were added, the meeting of Trinity Council on Monday night was full of interest. With no meeting on the preceding Monday there was lots of business, which President Hennessey disposed of rapidly. The Membership Committee, which was responsible for the excellent class initiated, was congratulated on the showing made for only two months' work. The Opera Committee reported the opera a gratifying success from a financial standpoint, and every one knows it was an artistic success. A final report will be made as soon as the returns are in, in which the committee hopes will not be long delayed. The boys and girls of the opera company were entertained in the upper hall of the club house with a dance and light refreshments, and are to be tendered a banquet and dance in the near future. "Gasthalm" given Thursday night in conjunction with the initiation of Sunday was a decided success and much enjoyed by all present. The clergy and State degree team were guests of honor, and several short speeches by them and members of Trinity were very highly appreciated. There is more life in Trinity now than for many years past.

FEDERATION.

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the Jefferson County Catholic Federation at the Catholic Woman's Club next Thursday night will be of more than ordinary interest. Some important reports are expected and a number of committees will give in detail the work they have done. Plans that have been formulated for the parade and other features will also be made known.

MAY.

Month of Special Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Reasons Why the Catholics Should Honor the Holy Mother.

Solemn Observance at St. Louis Bertrand's and Other Churches.

HER MANY WONDERFUL GIFTS

May is a month of special devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary among Catholics the world over. The saints, in speaking of devotion to the Blessed Virgin, say that "he is very reckless regarding his salvation who omits to invoke her." St. Alphonsus declares it to be his belief that hell can not boast of containing one single soul who ever had a true and heartfelt devotion to Mary. St. Bernard asserts that those who honor her daily will assuredly be saved. Catholics honor her by wearing her scapulars, by carrying her medals, by venerating (not adoring) her statues and pictures, by saying the Angelus, by reciting three Hall Marys daily in honor of her immaculate conception, by reciting her litany or by saying her rosary. The following are a few of the reasons why Catholics think they should honor the Blessed Virgin:

First—Because they must follow the example set them by our Divine Lord.

Second—Because of his attitude toward her.

Third—Because of the relationship she bears to Almighty God.

Fourth—Because they believe Catholics should be instrumental in fulfilling the prophecy uttered by those virgin lips in an ecstasy of love: "Behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed."

Tomorrow the May devotions will be inaugurated here in all the churches with brilliant and solemn ceremonies, the most notable being those which will be witnessed at St. Louis Bertrand's church. There the Dominican fathers will have their annual rosary procession, in which all the members of the assembly, presenting a sight that will last through life. During the week there will be May devotions in each church, when the rosary will be recited, followed by benediction.

Mary's month is here again, says Extension, which is the feast of the springtime. The church has assigned May, beautiful May, the first of the glorious months of the year, to Mary, the most perfect, the greatest, the most glorious of all God's creatures. And as God has given her so many gifts, he has also given her for instance, her immaculate conception, and the wonderful gift of being the Mother of God, surely those who give her special honor will merit his special love.

And if the feast of Mary, like the feast of her immaculate conception, is a feast of the feast of her glorious assumption into heaven, which is August 15, or the feast of the Holy Rosary, which is the first Sunday in October, are times when Mary grants special favors to her children, because they are times of special grace, how much we should not do in her own month of May to those clients who honor her?

The greatest thing in the life of the Cure of Ars was his sanctity, for the little Cure was a saint. And he is now beatified by the church. Needless to say, this priest-saint had great love for the Blessed Mother of God. If he had not, surely he could not have been a saint, nor even a good Christian. And especially did he love the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the devotion of her Holy Rosary. He would say the rosary every night, and he would say it with the patient mind not die before he reached the bedside. He had a wonderful power with God, and if he, a great saint, although indeed he considered himself the vilest kind of a sinner, felt that he must say the rosary, how much more ought we not to love it and realize that we need it?

EXPRESS THEIR SORROW.

At the regular meeting of St. Vincent de Paul Society, held Sunday morning, the most profound sorrow upon the demise of their late pastor emeritus, the Rev. Lawrence Bax, and the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, The members of St. Vincent de Paul Society bore their heads in submission to the holy will of God, who in his all-wise providence does all things for the best; and

Whereas, He has called unto Himself for his just reward our revered and venerable pastor, Father Lawrence Bax, who for more than fifty years was its Spiritual Director, and who at all times showed his love for the society and by his presence at all its meetings infused the spirit of the true Vincentian into the hearts of its members; his manner of instruction and fatherly advice encouraged those to whom he spoke to go out and help the poor in need of assistance with both temporal and spiritual aid, and also always to abide by the rules of the society; that by doing so they would carry out the work of the true Vincentian; and

Whereas, A great many of its present members have received from the hands of this venerable priest of God many of the sacraments; therefore be it

Resolved, That we extend to his relatives our sincere condolence; and feeling assured that his soul is in heaven, we hope he will await us all in the never ending happiness; and be it further

Resolved, That these resolutions be entered on our minutes as a token of our love and esteem for him, and a copy be sent to the Kentucky Irish American and Record for publication.

DELEGATES

To the State Democratic Convention Will Be Selected On May 25.

Democrats Here Have No Warm Spot for Haley and Beckham.

How the Executive Committee's Unfair Ruling Works Out in State.

POST AND SUFFRAGETTE CHOICES

In accordance with the unfair ruling of the State Democratic Executive Committee, the Democrats of Jefferson county will hold their precinct caucuses to select delegates to the State convention on Saturday, May 25, the convention to be held the following Wednesday, May 29. The selection of delegates here will result in the entire vote being instructed for Champ Clark for the Presidency, and will also show the glaring weakness of the Haley-Beckham combination in this county, at the same time knocking Percy Haley's reputation as a smooth politician into a cocked hat, his little bunch of disgruntled office-seekers not being able to even cause a ripple in the precinct caucuses, because if there are two men in State politics that the rank and file of Democracy in Louisville have little use for it is Percy and Crispin, and for which they can not be blamed, as these two worthies, when they had an opportunity turned the city over to the Republicans and Republican sympathizers. The only puzzling feature to the Democrats here is that Gov. McCreary allows himself to be used by the two political plotters when the veriest novice in politics can see that they will throw him overboard when he has outlived his usefulness.

McCreary's administration is built on the political pie promises he makes for Gov. McCreary's administration. The New Haven Echo cites one of the worst features of the ruling of the Executive Committee, when it compels officers of first and second class to hold precinct conventions and all others county conventions, which when applied to that town to register their sentiments at a convention and the Democrats of Howtown have to go twenty-five miles.

The Evening Post is worrying over the fact that other people may have choices in voting for the members of the Board of Education at the coming election besides their special class and favorites of a few fringe clubs, some of whom spent a great deal of their time in the 1910 election warning voters not to vote for one of the men selected by the Commercial Club because of his religion. Now the Post editor is afraid that some of the voters rebel at being dictated to by the class of the clergy, and is expected to be indignant if some of the women who usually stay at home and attend to their own affairs should come out and vote against the choices of the suffragettes. By the way, the editor is not alone in this. He is not the only one who is afraid of the fine work of the police department and how Teddy complimented Chief Lindsey on their conduct and appearance and said "I certainly do take an interest in a good police department."

CONDITION IMPROVED.

Harry R. Swann, Jr., who has been seriously ill at St. Joseph's Infirmary, is reported greatly improved, which will be welcome news to his many friends. Last week his condition was such that the attending physician had him removed to the infirmary from his home at Pewee Valley.

NARROW ESCAPE.

William H. Sweeney, the well known attorney, had a narrow escape last Saturday morning, when an east-bound Jefferson street car struck him at Center and Jefferson, dragging him some little distance. Friends carried him into Baldr's drug store and a physician was summoned to attend him. Mr. Sweeney had been removed to the infirmary, but fortunately his injuries were not otherwise serious.

GROWING

Interest in the Catholic Federation Convention to Be Held Here.

All of the Parishes and Societies Now Taking Active Part.

Floats May Be An Interesting Feature of the Big Parade.

COMMITTEES HARD AT WORK

With more than forty parishes in Louisville and Jefferson county showing an interest the committees having in charge the arrangements for the meeting of the American Federation of Catholic Societies, which convenes in Louisville August 18-21, feel that they ought to be able to make the convention a memorable one in the history of Catholicity in Louisville and the South. Since the various parishes have begun to take an interest in the work the Executive Committee feels doubly assured that their promises given at Columbus at the last meeting of the national body will be fully realized—and that promise was that delegates and visitors would never regret having named Louisville as the convention city for the eleventh annual meeting.

That the interest heretofore has not been greater was due solely to the fact that the general public, including many Catholics, did not know what a big organization the American Federation of Catholic Societies is. It not only represents over 2,500,000 people belonging to various Catholic organizations, but it has a purpose in view. That purpose is to bring about unity among the Catholic organizations. In other words they want to adopt the motto on the great seal of Kentucky, "United We Stand—Divided We Fall." Now that both pastors and people, with the approbation of the Right Rev. Bishop O'Donoghue and his Vicar General, Very Rev. James P. Cronin, have given their work their official sanction, everybody seems ready to help. The official sanction was asked and given some time ago from the ecclesiastical authorities, but the formal notice was delayed on account of obstacles which the committee was unable to overcome for a time.

Any one attending the last meeting of the general committee of the American Federation of Catholic Societies, which was held in the room of the Woman's Club on Walnut street, near Sixth, could not fail to be impressed with the earnestness of the committee, both ladies and gentlemen. Dr. Peter S. Ganz presided and James P. Kelly acted as secretary. Reports were given from all of the organizations and from several of the congregations. These reports were frank, free and full and altogether satisfactory, but some more cheering and enthusiastic than others, which is to be taken as a matter of course, as men and women differ in their methods of showing their appreciation of work of this kind. Among those who spoke were Col. Michael Reicht, Vincent Smith, Magistrate Sullivan, Thomas Keenan, Dr. Ganz, Miss Sadie C. Doyle and others, beside the heads of committees whose duty it was to make reports of the progress of the work assigned to them. Miss Doyle outlined a tentative plan for some of the floats, embodying what she believed would best represent Catholic progress during the century. She was given a rising vote of thanks for her suggestions, which are free to be used if any society or congregation wishes to take the matter up. Col. Whallen, as usual, made a glowing report from his congregation, it being to the effect that they were ready to proceed with the procession. Col. Whallen is at the head of the Parade Committee.

Dr. Ganz stated that Ed Fitzpatrick had completed about 100 pages of type-written matter for the souvenir book which is soon to be printed. He was given a rising vote of thanks for his work of securing advertising matter for the book. John P. Cassidy was appointed head of a committee to look over the literary part of the work.

The Committee on Transportation, of which Mr. Thomas Keenan is at the head, submitted letters showing correspondence with traffic committees on this subject, and it is likely low rates will be secured, which will assure the attendance of over 50,000 visitors as well as the 500 or more delegates.

It was announced that the business meetings would be held at the roof garden of the Seelbach and the public meetings, to which the general public will be invited, are to be held in the Armory, both of which will be handsomely decorated.

General Chairman E. J. Cooner, the Executive Committee, and in fact every committee connected with the arrangements in all of their details, are showing an appreciation of their work—and it is a stupendous task—which indicates already complete success in every matter connected with the arrangements for the eleventh annual meeting of the American Federation of Catholic Societies.

ORPHANS MADE HAPPY.

Last Sunday the many little ones cared for at St. Joseph's Orphan Asylum were indeed made happy. They first celebrated the patronal

feast of St. Joseph by attending a solemn high mass in the orphanage chapel, and soon thereafter prepared for the annual picnic to the city. Escorted by the officers of St. Joseph's Orphan Society the orphans were met at St. Mary's church by the Knights of St. John, Uniform Rank, C. K. of A., and the various branches of the orphan society, from where the entire body marched to St. Peter's church. Here they were welcomed by the Rev. Father Jerome and the people of the congregation. Following the solemn vespers and benediction the children were served a splendid dinner and hospitably entertained, arriving some before the rain began falling.

"TERRACE TAVERN"

Mackin Choral Club Ready For Its Operatic Treat.

Mackin Council Choral Club is fully prepared and ready for its latest and best operatic production, "Terrace Tavern," designated a musical meal in two courses. It will be seen at the Masonic Theater on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights of next week, and the advance sale of tickets assures splendid audiences. The cast is the strongest Mackin has ever gotten together, and includes Miss Louise Michot, whose graceful and artistic dancing last year won for her fame and glory. Miss Bertha Cohn, who won many laurels when she first appeared with the choral club, will this year play the dual role of Mrs. Jacques, the newlywed, and Jane, the maid servant. Thomas D. Clines has the role of Fox, the butler, and is expected to score his usual big hit, while George Cusack will appear in a big specialty act. Following is the cast and chorus:

Fox, the butler, Mr. Thomas D. Clines.

Kartoffel, the cook, Mr. Charles Parsons.

Mr. Jacques, the newlywed, and Sniggletritz, the man servant, Mr. Aulyn E. Kanast.

Mrs. Jacques, the newlywed, and Jane, the maid servant, Miss Bertha Cohn.

Phyllis, the garden girl, Miss Marie Louise Michot.

Ophelia, the scullery maid, Miss Abbie Chester.

Butlers—John Gruesser, Edward Gruesser, Bernard Henley, W. A. Schnell, J. J. Brown, Jr., and Ed Gratzner.

Gardiners—J. Earl Reilly, John Moriarty, J. Arthur Cusick, Matt Hession, Edward Neagle and William Cookson.

Chefs—Louis Kress, Bernard Schlemmer, C. J. Hubach, Charles M. Kessler, William J. Bickel and William Schott.

Ladies' Maids—Misses Freda Doerr, Estelle Glenn, Hettie C. Mills, Bertha Miller, Anna M. Schweinhart, Esther Doerr, Rose Felhoelter, Anna M. Shelly, Katherine G. Clair, Mattie E. Mills, Irene Hession, Genevieve Feely, Johanna Kraft, Katherine Gratzner, Pauline F. Schoch, Rose Hommel, Louine Hughes, Gertrude Coffey.

Seats are now on sale at the theater box office.

UNMASKED.

Gen. Nelson A. Miles Looking Respect of People.

When it was announced that Gen. Nelson A. Miles had become one of the officers of the "Guardians of Liberty," a feeble imitation of the A. P. A. of old, a storm of indignation arose throughout the country. Unable to stand by his friends everywhere, Gen. Miles declared that he had become a member of the new bigoted society because he believed it to be a patriotic organization and nothing else. Since then Gen. Miles presided over a meeting of the anti-Catholic society in Boston, when the mask was torn from his evasion and weak excuses. His action has called forth many letters bristling with indignation, among them one from Edward J. Cooner, President of the Catholic Press Association, which concludes as follows:

"It is of no consequence whatever, one way or the other, to the Catholic citizens of this glorious republic that you, sir, or any other individual or body of individuals, endeavor to keep from public office. They know that the day has gone by when bigotry's snake-like hiss could put their fellow-citizens in a panic of distrust and hate. But they deem it a great pity that a soldier who can not be unsuited to the patriotism of Catholics, who must know the splendid part they took in the preservation of the Union, and who ought to realize their great contribution to American citizenship should now in his old age join the ranks of men who will not fight fair. You sir fought once in the open."

HAPPILY OBSERVED.

One of the most becoming celebrations of the centenary of the Sisters of Loretto was that at St. Benedict's Academy. Beginning with the thanksgiving mass in the morning, seven little girls for the first time received the blessed sacrament. The portals of Cedar Grove were opened in the afternoon, when many availed themselves of the opportunity of again visiting their school-girl home and the scenes of childhood days. The programme for the jubilee entertainment was of a very high order and each number was excellently rendered, evincing the careful training of the pupils at Cedar Grove.

BLASTED.

Tories Without Hope Speechless With Amazement and Despair.

Dublin Convention Shows That Factions Have Been Defeated.

Home Rule Bills Second Reading and Closing Stage Next.

IRELAND UNIT ON ASQUITH BILL

Cabling the Chicago Tribune the Hon. T. P. O'Connor says party strife is gradually regaining its hold on English public opinion and interest in the Irish convention is intense. The Tories were hoping for a repetition of the same results as the Irish councils on the bill and filled their papers for several days with confident prophecies of the breaking away of this section or that from John Redmond's acceptance of Premier Asquith's home rule bill. All these hopes were absolutely false, and now the Tory journals raise the opposite cry that the convention was too carefully machined to allow any difference of opinion. As a matter of fact, however, the convention was too gigantic to allow machinating by anybody and no attempt was even contemplated to interfere with its absolute freedom of decision. The only apprehension of the organizers of the convention was that the crowds would be so overwhelming as to lead to the impossibility of finding a sufficient space, and thus there was a chance for a very serious and great disappointment. These perils were averted by the holding of two conventions simultaneously, one indoors and the other in the open air, which were addressed alternately by Redmond, Dillon, Devlin, myself and others.

The convention made an enormous impression not merely by its size, but by the appeal and spirit. Nothing could be more eloquently eloquent of the gigantic improvement of Irish conditions through the party during the last few years, as every delegate was addressed, self-restrained and thoughtful. Though the convention was so gigantic for a discussion of the details of the bill, every one had already grasped its main features, had discussed them thoroughly, and even every cabin and every roadside in Ireland, and had come with a mind made up and a firm determination not to allow faction or folly to interfere with Ireland's chance of setting all the essentials of freedom which the bill would give.

Thus after Redmond's speech explaining the bill no further debate was desired, and the only reason why the next speaker seconding Redmond's acceptance of the bill was heard was that he was the Lord Mayor of Cork, who had just been elected unanimously and who had been a supporter of the Irish party and an opponent of William O'Brien. When the acceptance of the bill was put to the convention in a scene of immense enthusiasm the absence of one voice of discord gave as remarkable an expression to the feelings of the nation of the world ever saw.

Three things stand out in relief from the proceedings of the convention. The first is that there is greater unity in Ireland than ever in its history, not excepting the palmiest days of O'Connell's leadership, and that there is an absolute trusting of Irish destinies today to Redmond and the Irish party by the whole Irish people. The second was the unbounded enthusiasm in the reception of Gladstone's grandson, and the third was the general acceptance by Ireland of England's proffer of a firm friendship on the basis of equality and justice, as embodied in Asquith's bill. The high hopes of the home rulers are made higher by the announcement of the determination of the Government to proceed to the further stages of the home rule bill without delay. The Tories were almost speechless with amazement and despair when Chancellor Lloyd-George announced the second reading of the bill for next week and the closing stage in the week after. Signs are multiplying that home rule, which formerly divided, is now the strongest bond of union between all the British Liberals and affords a battle cry for rallying and encouraging the popular forces better than any other question in the present day of English politics. At last the English Tories are beginning to recognize in this thick and thin alliance of the English and Irish Democratic forces that a refusal of home rule brings inconvenience to the Englishmen as well as the Irishmen, and the Tory journals are full of loud complaints that the English measures are thus at the mercy of this coalition of the Democratic forces.

In the midst of this brilliant moment of triumph for their cause the Irishmen are saddened by the announcement of the death of Justice McCarthy, one of the noblest, most unselfish and bravest figures in the whole movement. The English journals recognize his literary greatness and lofty character, and publish columns of eulogy.

UNCLE SAM FIRST.

The newest two American battle-ships will be the first in the world to group three fourteen-inch guns in single turrets.